Cynthia Gault Smith Letters 1942-1948
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Summary Information

Repository	Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections
Title	Cynthia Gault Smith Letters
Date	1942-1948
Extent	1.0 Linear feet 2 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	The Cynthia Gault Smith Letters consists of letters and ephemera between Smith and World War II servicemen between 1944 and 1949. Several letters suggest affection with Smith, her future husband, John "Smitty" Smith.

Scope and Contents note

The Cynthia Gault Smith Letters comprise her correspondence with seven servicemen during the World War II. The letters are organized alphabetically by the servicemen's last name and are filed chronologically. Several of the men seemed to have been in love with her, and is reflected in the Sherman E. Murray "Daddy" letters, which comprise the bulk of the collection. The collection also consists of letters from her future husband, John "Smitty" Smith as well as a letter and card from her to him along wih a lock of her hair.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

Unrestricted, open by appointment.

Immediate Source of Acquistion note

Rosalie Ellis Heid donated this collection of World War II letters, postcards, greeting cards to the Enoch Pratt Free Library on April 8, 2005. Ms. Heid rescued the collection from the trash after Cynthia Gault Smith passed away sometime during the previous few months. Cynthia's husband, John Smith gave permission for Ms. Heid to take whatever she liked.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Ephemera
- Greeting cards
- Letters
- postcards

Personal Name(s)

- Heid, Rosalie Ellis
- Servicemen. Military
- Smith, Cynthia Gault
- Smith, John

Subject(s)

- Soldiers
- World War, 1939-1945

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Donald Ellis, January 31-May 23, 1945	1	1
William Hougham “Bill”, March 1945	1	2
John A. Manning, December 11, 1944-January 13, 1945	1	3
Bob Quinlan, November 16, 1944-December 26, 1944	1	4
Joseph Raftery, February 7, 1945-June 1945	1	5
John Rolfe, October 23, 1942-November 7, 1944	1	6
John Strong "Smitty" Smith, 1946-1949 (Cynthia’s husband)	1	7
Miscellaneous	1	8
Sherman E. Murray “Daddy”, January 29, 1944-October 30, 1944	2	9
Sherman E. Murray “Daddy”, November 2, 1944-May 4, 1945	2	10
Sherman E. Murray “Daddy”, May 6-June 9, 1945	2	11
Sherman E. Murray “Daddy”, June 10, 1945-December 29, 1945	2	12